

California Libertarian News

The Newsletter of the Libertarian Party of California

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Convention '88

LPC TO MEET IN SAN DIEGO

Libertarians from around the state and nation are heading for San Diego's Kona Kai Hotel and the annual LPC Convention, held Feb. 12-15 (Presidents Weekend). This Convention is particularly important since 1988 is an election year. Both our presidential and vice-presidential candidates, Ron Paul and Andre Marrou, will be there, as well as many of our local candidates. Convention Organizers intend this to be a "three-ring circus for Liberty," so in addition to the business session on the Convention floor, there will be political workshops and a variety of great speakers.

Besides attending to the platform and by-laws debates, delegates will choose our candidate for U.S. Senate (former LPC chair Jack Dean has announced he plans to run), as well as our officers for the year. So far, three candidates have entered the race for state chair: Melinda Pillsbury-Foster, southern vice-chair; Ted Brown, chair of Region 65; and Mark Sweany, chair of Butte County.

Among the scheduled speakers are Congressman George Hansen, who'll describe his adventures with the IRS (he's recently released from the federal "pen") and the growing abuses by that agency; Clarence Pendleton, chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, discussing the future of Civil Rights in America; and speech-writer Michael Emerling, who'll look at "The Libertarian Dream: Live It or Lose It." Russell Means, co-founder of the American Indian Movement and recent contender for the LP nomination for president, will explore whether Libertarians should "Organize or Politicize."

Special events include the Tenth Anniversary Party of the Chocolate Caucus (founded by Bill White, Sara Baase, and Bruce Lagasse), emceed by Dan Weiner. It'll be a pig-out celebration of chocolate in all its forms from mousse to ice cream and birthday cake. That's Friday night.

On Saturday will be the long-awaited "Roast" of Marshall Fritz. Be on hand to see Marshall held to the fire. Sunday is the Banquet honoring Ron Paul and Andre Marrou, who'll tell us about their campaigns.

There will be an on-camera workshop for candidates, and Ron Paul Campaign Coordinators should plan to attend the Campaign Intensive Sessions conducted by former national chair Alicia Clark and Ron Paul Campaign state coordinator Bruce Daniel. These will run all day Saturday and Sunday. Contact Bruce for details, (916) 663-2568.

For information about prices, etc., please see the ad on page 3.

Report from the Chair

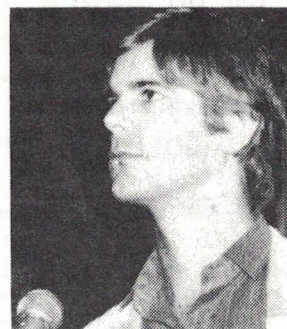
Mark Hinkle

As I end my second and last term as your LPC State Chair, I'd like to report to you on what we've accomplished during the past year. I'd also like to encourage you to support a return to a full-time party in 1988. More on that later.

Among the accomplishments achieved during these past two years is the regular publication of our newsletter, *California Libertarian News*. You paid for 12 issues and you received 12 issues. This should be the norm for Libertarian publications, but you long-time activists know how rare that is.

Our membership records and pledger database have never been in better shape. Regions are notified on a timely basis about new members and address changes. Our monthly pledge program, the lifeblood of our organization, has been automated via personal computer by Donna Peart (Database Manager), Jim Wilson, and Steve Alexander. Pledge reminders and credit card debits are processed every month, newsletter labels are updated each month with the names of new members and sent to the newsletter editor at least a week before the deadline.

Inquiries to our (800) 637-1776 telephone number are retrieved almost daily. Lyn MacNussen manages the LPC inquiry database on the LPC's computer and sends a copy of the inquiry to the local regions as they arrive. A package of information is sent to every caller. The 800 number is now listed with directory information in 100 areas throughout California. The Liberty Bell BBS (computer bulletin board) has been in operation continuously during 1987. Bob Bickford and Mike Iddings, as system operators (Sysops), have spent countless hours maintaining almost 500 users. Through the use of the FIDO-NET network and Conference MAIL, discussions on the Liberty Bell are shared with hundreds of other computer bulletin boards around the United States. (For information on how to access the Liberty Bell BBS, see page 5).



News and Events from the Regions

Sentence Reduction Sought

Norma Jean Almodovar, LPC candidate for lieutenant governor in 1986, is trying hard to keep up her spirits but showing definite physical signs of stress, reports Larry Leathers of Friends of Norma Jean. Therefore, a letter-writing campaign is being launched to seek a reduction in her sentence so she can be released early. Letters should be addressed to: The Board of Prison Terms; 545 Downtown Plaza, #200; Sacramento; CA 95814. Be sure to give to her prison number, W27022, in addition to her name.

Larry suggests three points to emphasize in your letters: (1) Norco is under court order to reduce the number of inmates; (2) the disparity in sentencing, i.e., Norma Jean is being held to the maximum number of years for her penalty (one count of pandering), while those who have committed violent crimes and even other pandering cases, are not going to prison but are out on probation; and (3) her husband Victor has been seriously injured in a car accident and requires surgery. Norma Jean is needed at home to comfort and help him.

If you're a Christian or member of any group that objects to prostitution *per se*, please mention this in your letter.

And don't forget, Norma Jean would love to hear from you. Her address is: W27022, Dorm 112, Bed 55; P.O. Box 1800 CRC; Norco, CA 91760.

Here and There

HUMBOLDT COUNTY: Daniel Mosier is now the contact for Humboldt County in Northern California. His address is P.O. Box 428, Bayside, 95524. Tele: (707) 822-7804.

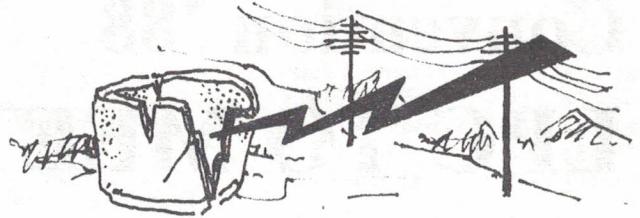
LAKE COUNTY: Randy Grindle, chair of the Lake county LP, is heading a drive to put a proposed zoning ordinance on the ballot for voter approval. In December, the Clearlake city council approved the 300-page document, which for a number of local citizens is not sufficient. They're demanding an ordinance of this scope be approved by those who will be affected: the property owners and residents of Clearlake.

Predictably enough, Mayor Ed Robey Jr. of Clearlake is furious and says the campaign is "just another of their political scams."

Randy discusses the reason for the referendum in a letter published in the local papers in the area: "... The Clearlake city ordinance is mostly the product of a few dozen people — planning consultants, staff, commissioners and city council. A couple hundred of the public also had input into it, but that's a small fraction of the 10,000-15,000 residents in

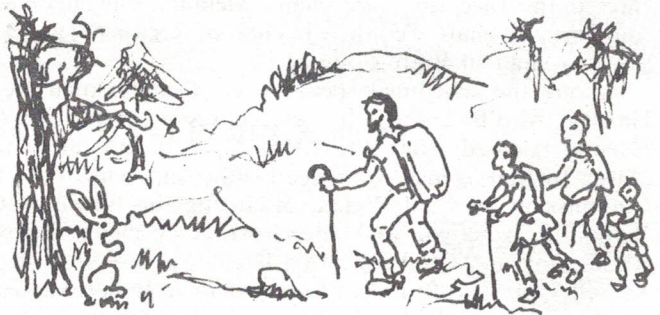
the city or the owners of the 20,000 parcels in the city. . . if the city government is to function, it must be very respectful of the rights of each individual citizen. Now all of those folks who have had their sound properties abated and their harmless activities interfered with will have an opportunity to say how they feel about the city government's treatment of them. They will have a chance to say whether they approve of the city trying to impose a fine of \$1,000 a day and a year in jail for even the most minor offense. I suspect that a lot of them will just say no."

As of Dec. 2, 900 signatures had been collected and turned in.



REGION 65, Downey and Neighboring Cities: Region 65's first Cracked Pot Award goes to the South Gate City Council for the suggested takeover by the city of Southern California Edison's electricity delivery system. The city at first ignored strong opposition to the plan by the city residents. One vocal opponent, Lillie J. Guastavino, is outraged: "They showed no concern at protests made by us at the beginning. We continued our efforts and they resulted in the city dropping its proposals after 5,000 cards were received by the city," she said. "We're considering running two candidates for the city council vacancies that are coming up in the next election on April 12."

The actual cracked pot that will be delivered to the city council is being prepared by Mrs. Allan Briney of Whittier. Abridged from *Two Tuesdays*.



Libertarian Hikes

Los Angeles: Sunday, Feb. 21, 10:00 a.m.; Switzer Falls and Arroyo Seco Cascades. Spectacular view of Switzer Falls from above. This hike is classified as easy: four miles round trip. Contact: Alan Pendleton, (213) 392-2181, or Ed Ogawa, (805) 373-2483.

Bay Area: Saturday, Feb. 20; 10:00 a.m.; Tilden Park into Wildcat Park. Contact: Peter Stevenson, (415) 465-7421.

San Diego: Saturday, Feb. 27, 9:45 a.m.; Bonita Valley, near Sweet Water Reservoir. Seven miles round trip. Contact: Sara Baase, (619) 460-9136.

• **Important Disclaimer:** These hikes are not officially sponsored activities of the Libertarian Party. Each person's safety is his or her own responsibility. Step carefully, watch out for the poison oak, and don't go hunting snipes.

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Freedom 88: Reaching Out - Making the Movement Grow

February 12 - 15, 1988

Kona Kai Club, 1551 Shelter Island Dr., San Diego CA 92106

LAST MINUTE RESERVATION FORM



California Libertarians are celebrating the exciting election year ahead with parties and interesting speakers and preparing for the work ahead with practical campaign workshops. If you haven't made your reservations yet - better do so now, or here's some of what you'll miss.

Chocolate Caucus Tenth Birthday Party
Hon. George Hansen: "To Harass Our People"
Clarence Pendleton: "The Future of Civil Rights in America"
Russell Means: "The Libertarian: To Organize or Politicize?"
Vernor Vinge: "Liberty & Science Fiction"
David Bergland: Four Campaign Workshops for Activists
Dale Gieringer: "The Menace of Drug Enforcement Abuse"
Lowell Ponte: "Socialization of Science"
Reason Foundations New Enlightenment Video Series
Saturday Night Roast of Marshall Fritz
Sunday Night Banquet in honor of the Presidential Ticket
PLUS MUCH MORE.

Call in your hotel reservation to the Kona Kai Club. Deadline to guarantee hotel rooms was January 22 but we're doing our best to keep rooms available. In California 1-800-231-9589, Outside of California 1-800-325-2218.

Convention Packages

CARTE BLANCHE*

Includes everything the convention has to offer - all meals, speaker and social events. (Hotel Reservations have to be made separately with the hotel). See note "About Breakfast" below. **\$195**

DELUXE DELEGATE PACKAGE*

Includes all meal events, the Chocolate Caucus Party, and Congressman George Hansen's talk. See note "About Breakfast" below. **\$150**

EATING DELEGATE PACKAGE*

Includes all meal events not concurrent with convention business, does not include the Chocolate Caucus Party. See note "About Breakfast" below. **\$125**

*ABOUT BREAKFAST AT THE KONA KAI

The Kona Kai Club gives a complimentary breakfast to those staying at the hotel. These above prices include the breakfast speakers BUT NOT THE BREAKFAST MEALS. If you are not staying at the Kona Kai and want a breakfast meal, you need to buy a separate meal ticket.

Breakfast Meal \$12 each, speaker only \$4.

Tickets for any speaker event or workshop can be bought separately anytime during the convention

ITEM	PRICE	Number of Tickets	Total
Carte Blanche	\$ 195		
Deluxe Delegate Pkg.	\$ 150		
Eating Delegate Pkg.	\$ 130		
Breakfast Meals	\$ 12 Each		
Breakfast Speaker Only	\$ 4 Each		
Luncheons	\$ 20 Each		
Chocolate Caucus Party	\$ 15		
Marshall Fritz Roast	\$ 45		
Sunday Night Banquet	\$ 50		
George Hansen talk	\$ 10		
All other workshops/seminars	\$ 5 Each		

Total Enclosed: _____

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1. _____

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Libertarian Party of San Diego
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San Diego, CA 92116

Protest Slave Day

Don Meyer

The New Year is here, and with it is a day not too far off that I think for libertarians is the most important day of the year. It's even more important than the July 4, because it is a day that could kill that. I am talking about April 15. Almost everything that libertarians want or don't want could be accomplished if we eliminated this day, if we could close the valve that continues to dump more of our wealth and liberty down a statist Black Hole.

As libertarians, most of us are aware of the lawlessness and terrorism that characterizes the IRS, and of the gluttony, fear and ignorance of a Congress that needs such an institution. We know of scattered (and selected) individuals who are in prison because of their activities against taxation. We know, but most concerned Americans don't. Daily newspapers and the media don't inform them — for obvious reasons. They believe they are alone, which is what those in power want them to believe.

But there is a day when these people get together by the thousands. That day is April 15, and the place is the post office in your town or city. The spectacle of thousands of people waiting to the last minute and at significant inconvenience to file their returns is the most eloquent statement that could be made of the resentment to the whole tax process. The media know this and show up in droves, hungry for stories. Libertarians have consistently seized this opportunity to demonstrate, to educate, and to get personal support and encouragement seeing other libertarians going head to head with the Beast.

This is something that involves all Regions and Libertarians equally throughout California. We need to publicize this in the broadest terms, to draw out the largest number of libertarians



so that for once the public and the media can see us together.

It took a couple of years for me to summon the courage to show up at a tax protest, but it was, and still is, a vastly rewarding experience. It's mind-boggling just to see the numbers of last minute filers.

In the Los Angeles area at least (and I hope other counties will do the same), we will be working to insure the largest turnout at Terminal Annex in downtown Los Angeles. We'll be calling, mailing, setting up car pools, and doing whatever we can to encourage our members to take one night out of the year and stand up against what is slowly devouring us. We are starting now and will be eager to work with other regions and tax protesters in any way we can for the greatest possible results. I'd like to see 1,000 people demonstrating on April 15. The media would go crazy, the filers would go crazy, and we'd go crazy!

If you have a choice this year of either celebrating July 4 or spending a few hours at a central post office in your area, choose the latter. July 4 is a victory already won. It's up to us to keep it.

Don Meyer is secretary of Region 64. His article was written originally for regions in Los Angeles County, but has been slightly amended to be applicable statewide. — Editor.

Chair's Report

from page one

Our financial and bookkeeping records have never been better, neither has our bank account. Thea McLean, LPC Treasurer, has done an outstanding job. It's one of the most demanding jobs within our organization and Thea's work has been thoroughly professional.

During my administration, the maintenance functions of operating the Party have been run on a business-like, albeit part-time, basis. Slowly we've built the Party back up to membership levels achieved when we had full-time staff working for us. The time is right to return to a full-time paid staff working for the LPC. Previous staffers were not always paid on a regular basis. This caused many hardships. It also interrupted important projects as well. Today, the LPC has the resources to support a full-time position. When I was elected Chair in 1986, our bank account was nearly empty and income just barely met expenses. Today, income is well above our expenses and we have the largest, although it is by no means large, bank balance in the LPC's history. To accomplish this required two actions: (1) I assumed the responsibility for the clerical office duties of the LPC previously performed by a paid staff person; and (2) most of the substantial projects were put on hold. It's time to take them off the drawing board and put them into action.

1988 is Presidential election year and we have two great candidates for president and vice-president: Ron Paul and Andre Marrou. We'll also have a candidate for U.S. Senate and close

to 100 other Libertarian candidates in California. This election year holds great promise for us if we seize the moment. Both Ron Paul and Andre Marrou are working full-time for Liberty. Let's have a full-time Party to support our candidates. At least three other state parties have paid executive directors: Alaska, Florida, and Texas. Their combined membership is less than the LPC's. Need I say more?

We need to do market research, media relations, advertising, membership drives, voter registration, and get-out-the-vote drives. We need literature and brochures for all our candidates. If you think the Libertarian Party should be working full-time, we need your support. That means money or other donations (stamps, office supplies, computer equipment, printing, etc.). If each member pledged just \$5.00 per month, we could hire three full-time people to work for us. We could have an office in Sacramento to lobby the legislature. We could have regional offices to support membership growth and outreach to others. All this, for the price of one movie a month. Think about it. For just \$5.00 per month (\$60 per year), you could have three people working full-time for your liberty.

Please, let us hear from you if you think it's worth the investment. If you want to pledge, call (800) 637-1776, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Our growth depends on you.

Yours in Liberty,

Mark Hinkle, LPC Chair

Eye on Sacramento

Restore the Second Amendment

A ballot initiative is being circulated to salvage what's left of the Second Amendment, the right to keep and bear arms. If approved by the voters it would become part of the State Constitution. This initiative should be applauded by libertarians in that it is based on natural rights arguments.

The Attorney General's description reads, in part, that this initiative bars public officials and the Legislature from prohibiting the private ownership of firearms or ammunition, confiscating privately-owned firearms or ammunition, taking any action restricting or denying the right to purchase, own, possess, sell, lease, loan, manufacture, transport, or use armaments and ammunition for purpose of defense of person, family, home, or property regardless of any condition that may exist, *including state or national emergency*. The amendment itself says:

Section 1.5 (of the State Constitution): The right of the people to keep and bear arms, individually and collectively, organized and unorganized, is an inalienable natural right and the free exercise and enjoyment of this right is guaranteed and protected herein from all infringements.

It shall be herein recognized that:

(b) The Second Amendment confirms that liberty must be kept forever fortified; that a disarmed populace is ruinous to the security of a free state; and that the individual has an inalienable natural right to self-defense in order to protect person, family, home, and property.

(c) The Second Amendment is an unceasing restraint against governmental interference with the natural rights to which it references, and it forbids any curtailment or infringement of those rights.

This is a great initiative, but the National Rifle Association (NRA) has not endorsed it. Instead, the NRA is backing a highly deceptive bill introduced by Assemblymember Richard Floyd (D-Gardena), AB 618. Although this bill would authorize local government entities to issue more permits, it is not acceptable to libertarians. Objections to AB 618 include: (1) It's a state pre-empt bill. That is, it puts gun rights under the state legislature and accords that body the power to control arms. (2) It's a mini-Prop. 15, in that it calls for gun registration. (3) It would allow more permits for concealed weapons, but that is already a natural right. Libertarians recognize that

government cannot bestow rights, it can only grant privileges. AB 618 is a privilege-granting bill, not a pro-rights bill.

Petitions for the initiative are ready for circulation with a very tight deadline: March 30, if it's to get on the November ballot. *CLNews* only recently learned of this initiative or you would have read about it a couple of months ago. Please help. Besides making donations, you could circulate petitions while collecting signatures for our candidates.

For more information or petitions, contact the Second Amendment Committee, P.O. Box 1776, Hanford, CA 93232. Tele: (209) 582-8534; or call *CLNews*, (213) 259-9580.

★ GOAL: \$3,000 ★

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LOCAL EVENTS AND CONTACTS

COUNTY	DATE	EVENTS	CHAIR or CONTACT*	PHONE
Alameda	Thu., Feb. 11	Program to be Announced	Mike Tejeda	415/531-0760
Butte			Mark Sweany	916/345-9970
Contra Costa	Tue., Feb. 9	Tom Olson, Northern Vice-Chair: The Year Ahead	John Corl	415/223-4112
Fresno			Tim Salzer	209/233-4393
Humboldt			Daniel Mosier*	707/822-7804
Kern			Craig Gifford	805/832-6231
Lake			Randall Grindle	707/994-4817
Los Angeles County (Regions 61-67)				
-61, San Fernando Valley	Wed., Feb. 10	Jim Turney, National Chair: On the Hot Seat	John Vernon	818/780-9943
-62, West L.A.	Thu., Feb. 18	Program to be Announced	Neal Donner	213/477-6462
-63, Foothills		No Meeting Scheduled	Waheed Bocter	213/227-6314
-64, Central L.A.	Thu., Feb. 11	Jim Turney: A Chair Before the Fire	Ted Brown	213/257-8922
-65, Downey		Call County Chair for Program Information	Lee Connelly	714/994-3256
-66, South Bay		No Meeting Scheduled	Sam Treynor	213/546-2846
-67, East San Gabriel Valley			Gail Lightfoot	714/623-5067
Marin		No Meeting of Free Marin Forum in February	Dan Dougherty*	415/457-1411
Monterey			Bob Ratto	408/424-9346
Orange	Thur. Feb. 18	Call County Chair for Program Information	Lee Connelly	714/994-3256
		Fred Stitt: Slaughter of the Innocent — The Role of Building		
		Codes in Construction (Liberty Forum Supper Club)	Jack Dean*	714/871-0371
Placer			Charles Carr	916/652-4801
Riverside/San Bernardino Counties			Ron Holman	714/684-5218
Sacramento			Roger Pope	916/921-1776
San Diego	Tue., Feb. 23	Business Meeting	Pat Wright	619/295-9510
San Francisco/Marin Counties	Wed., Feb. 10	Libertarian Video Tape	Jim Peron	415/864-0952
	Sat., Feb. 20	Free Exchange: George O'Brien: Free Trade and the Market	George O'Brien*	415/731-3031
San Luis Obispo			Clyde Steele	805/541-8892
San Mateo			Lyn Sapowsky	415/368-8148
Santa Barbara			Brian Garrity	805/928-0311
Santa Clara	Wed., Feb. 17	Business Meeting	Steve Alexander	408/554-1119
		Campaigners Club: Dates to be Announced	Mike Iddings*	408/275-6498
Santa Cruz			Bill Anderson	408/476-9753
Solano			Mark Moberg	707/864-1673
Sonoma			Jim Oglesby	707/823-5261
Tulare			Vicky Daley	209/688-4159
Ventura	Thu., Feb. 4	Dinner Gathering at Carrows Restaurant	George Hasara	805/525-6321
Yolo			Bryce Bigwood*	916/758-2346

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